been let on contract and these are done by the contractor under Government supervision.

(2) The amount varies according to the increase or decrease in the rentals and in the consumption of arrack. The net gain on an average will be 3½ lakhs.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is this amount of 3½ lakhs after taking the distillery charges?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What is that amount?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Rs. 3,400.

Committee relating to Management of Aided Schools.

44. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Committee mentioned as No. 13 in Appendix 4 in answer to Question No. 490 of the Legislative Session of 1106 was constituted;

(b) what led to the appointment of the Committee;

(c) what were the points of reference to the Committee;

(d) what was the Committee's report?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) On 26th August 1929.

(b) As the result of a resolution passed by the Cochin Teachers' Association at its second General Assembly held at Ernakulam in 1104.

(c) To take evidence in camera and suggest ways and means to put a stop to the corrupt practices reported to be existing in some aided schools.

(b) The Committee's report was that corrupt practices were prevalent in certain aided schools regarding the payment of the salaries of teachers, the appointment of teachers, the marking of attendance and the marking of false attendance of Depressed Class pupils and sending in bills for the supply of clothes, school requisites, etc., to them.

Measures to combat Economic Depression.

45. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have taken any measures to combat economic depression in the State?

(2) If so, what are they?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(2) Yes.

(2) Vide D. P. C. No. 1772/1106, dated 24th January 1931 and 11th March 1931, appended. (*Appendix I*).

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